Agricultural Contribution to GDP

2585. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the population in percentage and number which is dependent on agriculture and agriculture sector;

(b) its contribution to the GDP during the last ten years;

(c) how it matches with the targets fixed therefor, year-wise;

(d) how it compares with GDP contribution by other sectors, namely, service, industrial, I.T, manufacturing, etc.;

(e) the work force employed in agriculture sector and the percentage thereof to the total employment potential in the country;

(f) the percentage of annual growth in agriculture sector, during the last ten years;

(g) how it matches with the targets fixed therefor, year-wise;

(h) the percentage of GDP invested in agriculture sector as capital input, during the last ten years, year-wise; and

(i) the corrective steps taken to re-energize the agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) According to the 59th Round of National Sample Survey conducted during the period January-December 2003, the total number of persons dependent on agriculture was 492.2 million. This constitutes 66% of the total rural population.

(b) and (c) The contribution of agriculture including the allied sectors of forestry, logging and fishing to Gross Domestic Products (GDP) at 1993-94 prices along with annual growth rates during last ten years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

The annual targets in terms of contribution of agriculture to total GDP are not fixed. However, average annual growth rate targets for the Five-Year Plans are fixed by the Planning Commission.

(d) Since 1997-98 the contribution of agriculture in total GDP has been steadily declining as compared to other sectors. The details of percentage

contribution of agriculture sector and other sectors namely mining, manufacturing, electricity, construction and services to total GDP in last ten years is given in the Annexure.

(e) According to the Population Census, 2001, the number of agricultural workers comprising cultivators and agricultural labourers was 234.1 million which constituted 58% of the total workforce in the country.

(f) The annual growth rates (in percentage) for the agriculture sector during the last ten years are given in the Annexure.

(g) The annual average target growth rates of agriculture including the allied sectors of forestry, logging and fishing during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans, and the first three years of the Tenth Five Year Plans are shown below:—

Eighth Plan (1992-97): 4.7% against the targeted growth rate of 3.1%.

Ninth Plan (1997-2002): 2.1% against the targeted growth rate of 3.9%.

First three years of the Tenth Plan (2002-05): 1.2% against the targeted growth rate of 4.0%.

(h) The percentage share of Gross Capital Formation (investment) to GDP during the last ten years is given in the Annexure.

(i) The Government has taken number of initiatives which include multi-pronged strategy to address several issues in the agricultural sector. A series of policy initiatives has been taken in several vital areas like credit, irrigation facilities, crop diversification, marketing infrastructure, horticulture etc. to enhance production and productivity. The Government has underscored the importance of efforts aimed at turning the focus of commercial banks, regional rural banks and cooperative banks towards providing credit, especially production credit, to farm households. The other areas for higher investment include micro irrigation technology comprising drip and sprinkler irrigation. National Horticulture Mission has been taken up with focus on backward and forward linkages and development/ strengthening of agricultural marketing infrastructure, grading and standardization.

Statement

Contribution, Annual Growth Rate of GDP and percentage share of capital formation at constant (1993-94) prices-agriculture, forestry fishing sectors

Year	Contribution in GDP at constant (1993-94) prices (%)			Annual growth rate of GDP in agricultrure, fishing sector, at constant (1993-94) prices	Capital formation in agriculture, forestry and as percentage of GDP, at constant (1993-94) market prices.
	Agriculture, forestry & fishing	Mining, manufacturing, electricity and construction	Services		
1993-94	31.0	26.3	42.8		1.8
1994-95	30.3	27.0	42.7	5.0	1.8
1995-96	28.0	28.1	43.9	-0.9	1.8
1996-97	28.5	27.9	43.7	-0.9	1.7
1997-98	26.5	27.7	45.8	-2.4	1.6
1998-99	26.4	27.0	46.6	6.2	1.5
1999-2000	25.0	26.7	48.3	0.3	1.6
2000-01	23.9	27.2	48.9	-0.1	1.5
2001-02	24.0	26.7	49.3	6.3	1.5
2002-03	21.5	27.3	51.2	-7.0	1.5
2003-04	21.7	26.9	51.4	9.6	1.5
2004-05	20.5	27.1	52.4	1.1	NA

Decrease in growth rate of agriculture sector

†2586. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate of agricultural sector is on the decrease during the last decade;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.